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SUBJECT: GKR DELEGATION TO AFRICA: REQUEST FOR GOJ ASSISTANCE

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1. DEPT APPRECIATES EFFORTS BY EMBASSY TO ENCOURAGE GOJ ASSISTANCE OF KHMER LOBBYING CAMPAIGN IN AFRICA. WE BELIEVE ASIAN SOLIDARITY WAS INDISPENSABLE FACTOR IN SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO SAFEGUARD GKR SEAT AT 28TH UNGA. IF UN MEMBERSHIP PERCEIVES A DIMINISHED ASIAN INTEREST IN KHMER ISSUE AT 29TH GA, GKR SEAT WILL INEVITABLY FALL TO GRUNK. RESULT WILL BE THAT WHICH GOJ, AMONG OTHERS, HAVE EXPENDED SO MUCH EFFORT TO DETER: NAMELY UN INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A REGIONAL ASIAN STATE.

2. YOU MAY WISH TO SHARE WITH NONOYAMA US ASSESSMENT WHICH IS THAT GKR IS IN NO RPT NO DANGER OF IMMINENT COLLAPSE AND THAT KHMER ARMED FORCES (FANK) WILL CONTINUE
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AIR SUPPORT LAST AUGUST. FANK HAS EFFECTIVELY BROKEN
ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AND HAS TWICE THWARTED REBEL ATTEMPTS
TO TAKE PHNOM PENH. REBEL FORCES HAVE SINCE REVERTED TO
EARLIER STRATEGY OF ATTACKING ISOLATED PROVINCIAL TOWNS
AND LOC'S. ACHIEVEMENT OF HARD-EARNED MILITARY STALEMATE

BY GKR FORCES RENDERS THIS AN INOPPORTUNE TIME FOR ASIAN
SUPPORT TO SHOW SIGNS OF DISINTEGRATING.

3. YOU MAY SAY THAT GKR HAS NOT ASKED US TO INTERCEDE
WITH JAPANESE. WHILE WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD PUT
ANY PRESSURE ON JAPANESE, WE NONETHELESS BELIEVE GOJ
SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO ACCEDE TO GKR REQUEST AT LEAST IN
SEVERAL AFRICAN CAPITALS GKR DEEMS CRITICAL TO ITS CAUSE.
TO RENDER MINIMAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTED BY KHMERS INVOLVES
LITTLE EXPENDITURE OF DIPLOMATIC CAPITAL BY GOJ AND
COULD SERVE TO LIGHTEN THE BRUDEN OF FRIENDLY LOBBYING
IN PREPARATION FOR 29TH UNGA SESSION. RUSH

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